

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A phase locked loop circuit, comprising
 - a phase comparator for comparing phases of an index signal and a reference signal and outputting a signal in accordance with the phase difference;
 - a loop filter for smoothing the output signal of the phase comparator;
 - a controlled oscillator for oscillating at a frequency in accordance with the output signal of the loop filter;
 - a limiter provided on a path from the output side of the phase comparator to the input side of the controlled oscillator for limiting the level of signals on the path in a predetermined range of phase differences and setting a large gain;
 - a frequency divider for dividing the output signal of the controlled oscillator by a predetermined frequency dividing rate N (where N is a positive integer), generating the reference signal and feedback-inputting the reference signal to the phase comparator;
 - an unlock detecting circuit for outputting the unlocking of a phase lock based on the index signal and the reference signal or based on the output signal of the phase comparator and for outputting an unlock detecting signal; and

a switch unit for shutting up the output signal of the loop filter based on the unlock detecting signal and inputting a predetermined signal to the controlled oscillator.

- 5 2. A phase locked loop circuit, comprising
 - a phase comparator for comparing phases of an index signal and a reference signal and outputting a signal in accordance with the phase difference;
 - a lead-in start signal generating circuit for generating a lead-in start signal in response to the index signal input at the start of an operation;
 - a loop filter for smoothing the output signal of the phase comparator;
 - a controlled oscillator for oscillating at a frequency in accordance with the output signal of the loop filter;
 - a frequency divider for generating the reference signal having the minimum phase difference with respect to the index signal when the lead-in start signal is input, feedback-inputting the reference signal to the phase comparator, generating the reference signal by dividing the output signal of the controlled oscillator by a predetermined frequency dividing rate N (where N is a positive integer) when the output signal of the controlled oscillator is input, and feedback-inputting
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the reference signal to the phase comparator;

an unlock detecting circuit for detecting the unlocking of a phase lock based on the index signal and the reference signal or based on the output signal of the 5 phase comparator and for outputting an unlock detecting signal; and

a switch unit for shutting up the output signal of the loop filter based on the unlock detecting signal and inputting a predetermined signal to the controlled 10 oscillator.

3. A phase locked loop circuit, comprising

a phase comparator for comparing phases of an index signal and a reference signal and outputting a signal in accordance with the phase difference;

15 a lead-in start signal generating circuit for generating a lead-in start signal in response to the index signal input at the start of an operation;

a loop filter for smoothing the output signal of the phase comparator;

20 a controlled oscillator for oscillating at a frequency in accordance with the output signal of the loop filter;

a limiter provided on a path from the output side of the phase comparator to the input side of the controlled 25 oscillator for limiting the level of signals on the path

in a predetermined range of phase differences and setting a large gain;

5 a frequency divider for generating the reference signal having the minimum phase difference with respect to the index signal when the lead-in start signal is input, feedback-inputting the reference signal to the phase comparator, generating the reference signal by dividing the output signal of the controlled oscillator by a predetermined frequency dividing rate N (where N is 10 a positive integer) when the output signal of the controlled oscillator is input, and feedback-inputting the reference signal to the phase comparator;

15 an unlock detecting circuit for detecting the unlocking of a phase lock based on the index signal and the reference signal or based on the output signal of the phase comparator and for outputting an unlock detecting signal; and

20 a switch unit for shutting up the output signal of the loop filter based on the unlock detecting signal and inputting a predetermined signal to the controlled oscillator.

4. A phase locked loop circuit according to Claim 1, wherein the controlled oscillator is a voltage controlled oscillator or a current controlled oscillator.

25 5. A phase locked loop circuit according to Claim

2, wherein the frequency divider is a preset frequency divider be preset when the lead-in start signal is input.